**Coon Creek Community Watershed Council (CCCWC)**

**December Meeting**

**Coon Valley Conservation Club**

**S1005 Knudson Lane, Coon Valley, WI 54623**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

**Eat & Greet! Food Served: 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting: 7:00 p.m**.

1. Call to Order @7:00pm by Nancy Wedwick
2. Marc’s Fascinating Flashbacks - Marc shared tidbits on the grade stabilization structures. The Adams Dams were named after J.A. Adams.
3. Secretary's Report - Maggie Traastad shared she is still working on minutes from the November meeting. They will be available at the January meeting.
4. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Maggie Traastad shared we had $3600 in credits and $2951.29 in debits for the last month. Sydney Widell made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Ron Leum seconded the motion. Motion passed.

1. Updates
   1. Grants
      1. DNR Surface Water Grant
         1. Part 2 of the grant was submitted in November. Waiting to hear back from the DNR.
      2. DATCP & TNC
         1. 2023 Grant - DATCP reimbursement was approved. Waiting for check from DATCP for about $15,000.
         2. 2023 Grant - Have about $13,000 left to spend, over $8000 of that is for cover crops which will be paid out this month.
         3. 2024 Grant - revised budget is approved and we’ll start that in January
         4. TNC Grant for 2024 - $10,000 for trees and hedgerows.
   2. Events/conferences
      1. Coon Creek Conservation Days - May 4th, 2024 - Mollie B. - planning committee needed - Please reach out to Sydney Widell if you are interested in helping plan the event.
      2. DATCP Grant Workshop - Save the Date - Feb 20th in Wausau. CCCWC will have a panel presentation at the workshop
         1. The panel met earlier this evening to discuss the presentation. We will be pulling together the information.
         2. Anyone who is interested in attending the workshop, please let Maggie Traastad know. Registration is free, but the workshop is in Wausau.
      3. WWASH - [Kevin Traastad](mailto:kevin-maggie@mwt.net) and Sydney Widell will be attending this week. They will share information at our January meeting.
2. New Business
   1. Lindsey Rushford, UW Extension -Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP)
      1. DATCP funded a program for on-farm research for Nitrogen rate trials. It is a producer collaborating idea driven research. Applications for the grant are open until January 31st.
      2. Linsey shared some examples of current projects and provided flyers with grant information.
   2. Strategic Planning Meeting - held 2 early in the year.
      1. [Nancy Wedwick](mailto:nancywedwick45@gmail.com) reflected on the goals that we set earlier in the year. The first goal was to hold a 90th celebration, which we accomplished.
      2. We need to think about:
         1. Where we have been?
         2. Where we are now?
         3. Where we want to go?
      3. We are going to use part of the meeting in January to discuss these questions and think about what we can do as a council going forward.
      4. Other good thoughts were shared:
         1. Watershed is a Community! - ignores political boundaries
         2. Practices of each person affects everyone in watershed
         3. Social aspects - common ground “short-term care takers of the land”
   3. Hill Country Watershed Alliance
      1. They have become a 501c3 to serve as a fiscal agent for watersheds
      2. They are at the point where they need a board that is made up from a couple of representatives from each watershed.
      3. Discussion to determine if CCCWC would like to join the Hill Country Watershed Alliance. We would only be members of the Alliance and we would still function independently as we have been. [Kevin Traastad](mailto:kevin-maggie@mwt.net) made a motion to join the Hill Country Watershed Alliance. Eric Weninger seconded the motion. Motion passed.
      4. We will bring the board member discussion back to the January meeting.
   4. Matt Albright - Dam Decommissioning Process
3. Next Meeting date and location - Wednesday, January 3, 2024 - Coon Valley Conservation Club